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ABSTRACT

A research guide citing over 100 annotations presents a variety of research material on Chautauqua County (New York) available in the Reed Library (Fredonia, New York). The guide consists of three major parts. Part 1 addresses the novice with an examination of the basic steps of research. Special attention is given to the card catalog. This part also gives examples of subject headings and explains how to find them in the subject catalog. Twelve topics about Chautauqua County and its people are presented in part 2: general history; archaeology; town, village, and city histories; agriculture; culture; architecture; education; ethnic groups; geography; industry; local government, state, and municipal laws; natural resources; reform movements; and religion. The suggested titles are from the Western New York Collection in Reed Library. Part 3 provides supplementary reference sources that can be used independently or in conjunction with a research paper. Resource materials which include lists of bibliographies, biographies, census records, directories, maps, and newspapers conclude the document. (RSL)

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Guide is to present to students and other possible users the variety of research material on Chautauqua County available in Reed Library. The Guide consists of three major parts. Each part has a descriptive paragraph that should help researchers put its contents into proper perspective.

Part One addresses the novice with a description of the basic steps of research with special concentration on the Card Catalog. This part also gives examples of subject headings and explains how to find them in the Subject Catalog.

Part Two is devoted to Chautauqua County and the people who built its rich heritage. This section is further divided into several topics, any one of which could serve as the subject of a prospective term paper. The suggested titles were selected mainly from the Western New York Collection in Reed Library. Occasionally, appropriate titles from the General Collection were also listed. When pertinent, attention was called to the holdings of other regional libraries, historical societies, institutions and schools.

Part Three is comprised of supplementary reference sources that could be used independently for answering factual questions, or for finding supportive material for a research paper. Legal sources and other reference items in Parts One and Two should be consulted for answering pertinent topics.

Research in regional history is tedious and is often hindered by lack of adequate support material. It is further complicated by conflicting facts and multiple versions of singular events. While Reference Librarians may not be able to solve all problems they can provide guidance for the meaningful use of available sources.

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PART ONE: THE BASIC STEPS OF RESEARCH

CARD CATALOG

The Card Catalog provides access to the major portion of Library resources. Therefore, research should begin there. In Reed Library the Card Catalog is divided into two sections: Authors/Titles and Subjects.

Ordinarily, it is suggested that the "Red Books," the Library of Congress Subject Headings, be used before the Subject Catalog itself. That is because the volumes list subject headings used, and provide cross references from terms not used in the catalog to terms that are used. However, since names of geographical units, such as bodies of water, counties and other municipalities, are not listed in the "Red Books," THE SUBJECT CATALOG should be used directly for proper names of places. A variety of subject subdivisions is also likely to appear there.

For instance:

NEW YORK (STATE)--HISTORY, LOCAL
NEW YORK (STATE)--MAPS
NEW YORK (STATE)--LEGISLATURE
NEW YORK (STATE)--STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, FREDONIA--HISTORY

OR:

CHAUTAUQUA, N.Y.--DESCRIPTION--POETRY
CHAUTAUQUA CO. or COUNTY
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--BIOGRAPHY
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--CENSUS
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--HISTORY
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--HISTORY--BIBLIOGRAPHY
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--INDUSTRIES
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--MAPS
CHAUTAUQUA CO.--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION, CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK
CHAUTAUQUA OPERA ASSOCIATION

The same method should be followed to find material on towns, villages and cities in the county. On the other hand, when regional information is sought on particular topics the proper phrase of the desired subject should be verified in the "Red Books." There, geographical phrases are likely to appear as subdivisions.

Examples:
AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS--NEW YORK (STATE)--
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
CHURCHES--CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL PLANNING--NEW YORK (STATE) --
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
ELECTIONS--CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
ERIE, LAKE
GRAPES--MARKETING
INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA--TREATIES
IROQUOIS INDIANS (for Six Nations)
ITALIANS IN NEW YORK (STATE)--JAMESTOWN
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES--
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK
POETRY OF PLACES
REGIONAL PLANNING--CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY--NY
SENECA INDIANS
SOIL SURVEYS--NEW YORK (STATE) - WESTFIELD AREA
VETERANS--CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NY

When using Reed Library's Card Catalog, it soon becomes evident that certain call numbers are prefixed with "WNY," (Western New York.) Material with such call numbers is shelved in the William Chazanof Local History Room--Room 035 in Reed Library. The Room also contains uncataloged records pertinent to the College. Therefore, it is often referred to as the "Archives Room."

In addition to these materials Room 035 houses several other collections that are not represented in the Card Catalogs. Of possible interest are theses, clippings, portraits, photographs, reports of administrative departments and governing bodies of the College, course syllabi and other records. The contents of these sources may include useful information. Therefore, researchers should ask for assistance from the Reference Librarians or from the personnel in Room 035.

Besides the Card Catalogs, pertinent periodical indexes should be checked for general topics and noteworthy events of interest beyond the region. Newsworthy local events often appear in the newspapers of various municipalities. These newspapers do not have indexes. For more detailed information consult the Reference Librarians.

REMEMBER: Libraries and historical societies in several municipalities house valuable local research materials that are not available in Reed Library.

PART TWO: CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE

The contributions of grassroots history are valuable because they help us understand the forces that continue to shape our history. Regional and local histories record the establishment and growth of settlements since the opening of early frontiers. During the post-Revolutionary years, the western corner of New York became well known to migrating frontiersmen for its fertile soil and beautiful setting. However, the vast wilderness did not see permanent settlers until the first decade of the nineteenth century. By 1808, Chautauqua County was already formed.

The rich heritage of the County dates back to the mound-builders, the Hurons, Iroquois and the Neutral Nations. From the seventeenth century the Eries, then the Senecas occupied the Chautauqua region. The pilgrimages of white conquerors, missionaries, and French and British colonists are well documented in international, as well as national, regional and local historical sources.

In a narrower perspective, the historical accounts of Chautauqua County and its municipalities record its geological formation, geographic specifications, the ever-changing characteristics of its natural panorama, and the Indian occupation. The coverage of early history includes the Holland Land Company between 1800-1836, during which years the County experienced its establishment and phenomenal development. The human history of the County can be traced from the primitive lives of the first settlers up through our complex modern community structure, reflected in, and influenced by, trends in government and politics, religion, education, industry, the arts, architecture and the influx of various ethnic groups.

The following bibliography of Chautauqua County is divided into several subject areas, suggesting prospective research interests. The titles cited are representative only. The bibliography is not a complete listing of local history material available in Reed Library.

Literary pieces and other writings on the County or by its residents form an impressive collection, most of which is housed in Room 035. Included are the novels of Grace Richmond, Albion Tourgee and other authors, poets and playwrights of varying prominence. However, space limitation did not allow the listing of such literature in this Guide. For individual authors and titles the Card Catalog should be consulted.

A. GENERAL HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Native American culture is the foundation of the history of Chautauqua County. The Senecas, the fiercest and the most populous member-tribe of the Six Nations, held a natural right to the land of Western New York. At the same time, the preemption right to the land belonged to Massachusetts. When the land was sold, the Indians relinquished title to it at the Treaty of Big Tree on September 14, 1797, and retreated to the designated Reservations. From there on, their history is well documented, along with their attempt to simultaneously co-exist with the white man and maintain their own cultural heritage. In addition to the material in the general collection, the following local history sources may be used to substantiate this documentation:

Curtin, Jeremiah. Indian Myths.
WNY/E/98/F6/C9 1923

In this book almost 100 Indian myths and legends were collected under the auspices of the Bureau of Ethnology.

Iroquois Indians, A Documentary History. 50 reels.
Microfilm E 99/I7/I76/1984

This significant microfilm collection contains negotiations and other diplomatic documents of the League of the Iroquois. The Iroquois dealt with a number of other tribes, states and nations from the 1640s to the 1840s. The documents reveal the great military and political power of the Iroquois Nation during these two centuries. The Collection is in chronological order. An unusually detailed Guide (kept on top of the microfilm cabinet) contains a reel summary list and a reel-by-reel itemized description of each document.

Parker, Arthur C. Excavations in an Erie Indian Village and Burial Site at Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York.
New York State Museum. Bulletin 117; Archaeology 14
WNY/E/99/E6/P2, 1907

Historical background, customs and habits of daily Indian life, as derived from the findings of archaeological excavations, are noted in detail. Plates and other illustrations embellish the text. A detailed index is provided.

Parker, Arthur C. The History of the Seneca Indians.
WNY/E/99/S3/P2/1967

The first part of this descriptive history concentrates on the aboriginal inhabitants, and Indian Tribes in New York State. Later chapters explore the changing and prevailing cultural, social and political situation of the Senecas up to the early twentieth century. Included are lists of Indian Reservations and several treaties regarding them. Some maps, portraits and an index enhance the text.

Seaver, James Everett. A Narrative of the Life of Mary Jemison, the White Woman of the Genesee.
WNY/E/87/J527, 1932

The narrator was captured by the Indians in 1755 and spent the rest of her life among them. A useful introduction and over 100 pages of supplementary notes authenticate the legendary story. Indexed.

Society of Friends (Hicksite) Executive Committee of the Yearly Meetings. The Case of the Seneca Indians in the State of New York, Illustrated by Facts.
WNY/E/99/S3/F8/1840

A short historical description of the legal rights to the land of the Seneca Indians, and their struggle against the laws and ambitions of white men opens this 1840 publication. It is followed by examples of memoranda, letters, petitions, court actions, affidavits and treaties pertaining mostly to the selling of Indian lands willingly or by alleged bribery. Included are several lists of the names of Indians who opposed emigration. Indexed.

Upton, Helen M. The Everett Report in Historical Perspective. The Indians of New York.
WNY/E/99/I7/U75/1980

This is an historical account of Indian-State relations from 1888 to 1973. The role of several commissions, including the ineffectiveness of the Everett Commission of 1919, is explained. The Appendix contains the text of a number of federal and state treaties with the Six Nations and other Tribes. Detailed notes, bibliography and an index add to the scholarly value of this special study.

Wallace, Anthony. The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca.
WNY/E/99/S3/W3/1970

A well researched and detailed account of the late colonial and early reservation life of the Senecas, and the process of degeneration and reconstruction of the Tribe. Demographic fluctuations, social, political and economic conditions are discussed. The rituals and beliefs of the followers of Handsome Lake, who introduced the religious revitalization of the Tribe, are also examined. Extensive references, a bibliography and an index supplement the text.

New York State histories invariably contain at least some account of the region. The following books are part of the Library's main collection:

Ellis, David, et al. History of New York State.
F/119/E46/1967 (and several earlier editions)

This is a shorter, but more up-to-date state history; used frequently as a college course text. There are several references to Chautauqua County in the index.

History of the State of New York. Edited by Alexander Flick.
10 volumes
H/119/N65, 1933-1937

As seen in the cumulative index at the end of volume 10, not too many references are made to Chautauqua County. The set is useful for putting regional history into a state-wide framework.

Sullivan, James, ed. History of New York State, 1523-1927.
6 volumes
F/119/S8, 1927

This is a more scholarly state history. In Volume 2 a separate, though small section is devoted to Chautauqua County. Volume 6, a biographical supplement, contains prominent citizens who may have attained recognition beyond county limits.

Regional Histories are narrower in scope, therefore, in them more attention is paid to municipalities.

Archives of the Holland Land Company, 1789-1869. 202 reels
Microfilm/HD/195/H64/H6, 1984
(See short history and research instruction on Reel Number One.)

A large portion of this unique set of land records contains a rich variety of documents on the surveying and opening of the Western New York frontier and its development into well-structured settlements. Other documents and letters reveal the Company's dealings with Indians, settlers, land agents, bankers, politicians and the complexities of land speculation from the post-revolutionary period to about 1840. The Collection also contains valuable survey records and regional maps. An Inventory to the Archives is available. (Shelved on top of the microfilm cabinet.)

Doty, William J. Historic Annals of Southwestern New York.
3 volumes
WNY/F/119/D68/1940
One set is in the general collection.

Volume one and two of this set are comprised of a relatively well researched regional history up to the late 1930s. The third volume contains biographical information on prominent families and personalities who resided in Southwestern New York. An extensive subject index enhances the usefulness of this set.

Turner, Orsamus. Pioneer History of the Holland Purchase of Western New York.
WNY/F/127/H7/T7/1849; reprinted in 1974

This fairly comprehensive historical account is filled with facts, quotes, sketches, and anecdotes about events and people. It should be used with later, more scholarly, histories. The reprint volume contains a valuable name index. The extensive table of contents in both editions serves as subject index.

Chautauqua County Histories are divided into two basic categories: County-wide histories and those written on specific cities, towns or villages. Both types are mainly concerned with the evolution of each municipality. Generally, they cover: social, cultural and political life, local government organizations, institutions, schools, churches, agricultural and industrial advancements, anniversaries, celebrations, noteworthy events, and biographical information of prominent inhabitants.

Readers are reminded that some facts, dates and spellings of names are derived from oral tradition, or from poorly researched data compilation. Early events were often based on the fading memories of aging eyewitnesses or on accounts by second generation storytellers. Questioning facts, dates and names is a characteristic approach in weighing the validity of local history books. It is also known that errors once quoted are perpetuated. However, by comparing two or three sources the variances are better controlled. When there is a choice, the latest scholarly opinion should be selected.

The following County-wide histories encompass a wide variety of the above listed subject matters:

The Centennial History of Chautauqua County: A Detailed and Entertaining Story of One Hundred Years of Development.
2 volumes
WNY/F/127/C7/C4, 1901

The intended purpose of this history is well illustrated in its title. Rich in biographical sources. Has a table of contents.

Downs, John P. History of Chautauqua County, N.Y. and Its People.
3 volumes
WNY/F/127/C7/D75, 1921

The first two volumes record the agricultural, economic, social and cultural development of the County up to the beginning of the twentieth century. The third volume is an extensive, but far from complete, biographical dictionary of the County's noteworthy citizens. A name index at the end of volume 3.

Edson, Obed. History of Chautauqua County, New York.
WNY/F/127/C7/E2, 1894

The evolution of the County is reviewed in 85 chronologically arranged chapters. The history of individual towns is contained in the last 37 chapters. The biographies are occasionally accompanied with portraits. There is no index to the over 900 pages of text, but an extensive table of contents is provided.

History of Chautauqua County, N.Y., 1938-1978. Edited by Ernest D. Leet.
WNY/F/127/C7/H55, 1980

The main purpose of this book is to update earlier historical accounts of the County. By the introduction of new subjects, such as communications, radio, environment, conservation, recreation and tourism, contemporary developments are put into proper perspective. Although it is claimed that the volume is based on extensive research, there are no reference notes. This lack is balanced with a supplementary bibliography and an index.

Young, Andrew W. History of Chautauqua County, N.Y., From Its First Settlement to the Present Time: With Numerous Biographical Sketches.
WNY/F/127/C7/Y6, 1875; reprinted in 1974

A non-scholarly, but well respected, source book on the natural history, early Indian and French occupation and the development of towns and villages. Short biographical sketches, lists of municipal government officials and other useful supplements add to the value of this County history up to about 1870. The reprint volume includes a valuable name index.

Town, village and city histories are abundant in most regions. Some of them spring from the ambition of individuals, while others resulted from the efforts of various groups. It is customary to compile a heavily illustrated commemorative volume on 50th or 100th anniversaries of the formation of municipal units. The date of foundation should be established before additional information is sought on small municipal units. Dates are usually available in gazetteers and county and other regional histories. The following list includes some examples of the variety of available titles:

Anderson, A. W. The Conquest of Chautauqua: Jamestown and vicinity as told by pioneer newspapers and persons.
WNY/F/129/C49/A8, 1932

A detailed, but traditional, account of the development of the southern part of the County, with impressive illustrations and portraits. An unusual, but welcome chapter, "Africa," is devoted to the early black population. There is a general index.

Bush, Gladys. Dunkirk, A Chronology and Index of Historical Facts.
WNY/F/129/D8/B799, 1947

The Chronology, spanning the years 1809 to 1946, was compiled from numerous sources. Its purpose is to provide quick reference to important events in Dunkirk. Bush's other Index, cited below, covers a wider scope.

Bush, Gladys. Index to Dunkirk's History, 1798-1946.
WNY/F/129/D8/B8, 1947

This is truly a reference index to the City. The subjects are followed by brief explanations, after which are item numbers that refer to the Chronology.

Chard, Leslie F. Out of the Wilderness: Dunkirk's First Century.
WNY/F/129/D8/C4, 1971

This small commemorative volume opens with the early settlers. Then the up-and-down history of the city-turned-village is traced through industrial boom periods and stagnating years. Economic, religious, political and military subjects, as well as health care, cultural and social life are highlighted. Includes a bibliography and an index.

Crocker, Elizabeth L. Yesterdays In and Around Pomfret, N.Y.
WNY/F/129/P78/C7, 1960-1964

This five volume pamphlet collection depicts events, reminiscences of people of significance, development of businesses, social groups and other subjects in random order. Each volume contains a table of contents.

Curtis, D. H. History of Westfield, N.Y., 1802-1977.
WNY/F/129/W4/C8, 1979

This is a concise story of Four Corners and its development. It covers the improvement of agricultural, industrial and social life, and contains hundreds of names and dates of events that mark the achievement of a century and a half. The "table of contents" serves as subject index.

Hazeltine, Gilbert W. The Early History of the Town of Ellicott, Chautauqua County.
WNY/F/129/E4/H4, 1887

A typical example of its kind, based on recollections mostly. Includes several interesting, but not always reliable stories on the private and public lives of some prominent families. A separate Name Index is most helpful.

Mina-Findley Lake; Sesquicentennial, 1824-1974.
WNY/F/129/M5/F6, 1974

The history of the town is traced from the early land purchases to modern day living. This is a heavily illustrated, typical anniversary volume.

Taylor, Horace C. Historical Sketches of the Town of Portland.
WNY/F/129/P88/T2, 1873

This narrative history of the smallest town in Chautauqua County touches on a wide variety of subjects. Included are: land surveys, roads, mail routes, post offices, schools, churches, businesses, religious congregations, societies, cemeteries, political representatives, physicians, merchants and others. There is an alphabetical table of contents.

B. AGRICULTURE

The agricultural development of the County is best traced in the local history books. A special aspect of the organization of husbandry men, and the history of the Grange is available in several separate studies. Chautauqua County, or more specifically Fredonia, prides itself in playing a major role in the establishment of this nationwide organization. December 4, 1867 is the founding date of the National Grange, or Patrons of Husbandry (Washington, D.C.). It later became the Potomac Grange No. 1. The first subordinate Grange was organized on April 16, 1868 and was called the Fredonia Grange No. 1. The following books, among others, illustrate the historical development of the Grange:

Allen, Leonard L. History of N.Y. State Grange, 1873-1973.
WNY/HD/1485/P5/O5, 1934

This centennial commemorative volume is compiled from three previously published sectional histories by individual authors. In addition to the narrative, Grange rosters are given in numerical order with founding dates and names of first masters and secretaries. Junior Granges with dates and names of sponsors are likewise listed.

Chautauqua County Pomona Grange Yearbook, 1913.
WNY/HD/1485/P4/C4

A typical example of its kind, reporting on the existing Granges and their memberships. Heavily illustrated and further embellished by advertisements.

C. ARCHITECTURE

Architecture and its preservation is closely connected with the historical heritage of every community. The following examples truly reflect the historic value of architecture in this region:

Chautauqua Co., N.Y. Department of Planning and Development.
Historic Preservation in Chautauqua County: a Planning Approach.
WNY/F/127/C7/C39/1977

This county-wide report identifies sites with important historical, architectural, cultural and archeological significance, and suggests ways of preserving them. The illustrations, with concise descriptive captions, and the introductory and supplementary information make this source a valuable historical document.

Conover, J. H. Nineteenth Century Houses in Western New York.
WNY/F/127/C7/C6, 1966

This photograph album contains a varied and fascinating cross section of 100 years of architecture, particularly in Chautauqua County. An informative introduction provides a historic framework for the illustrations. Notes and a bibliography add a well deserved scholarly touch.
The original folio photographs are also stored in Room 035.

Lindquist, Marlene. Architecture in Westfield: An Historical Survey. Photographs by Therold Lindquist.
WNY/NA/55/W45/L5, 1975

A decidedly professional introduction, "The design of

Architecture," by Daniel D. Reiff precedes the array of representative photographs of stately mansions, other residences and public buildings. The historic value is further enhanced with a short essay, "An Historical Background of Westfield, N.Y." by Elizabeth Crocker.

Reiff, Daniel D. Architecture in Fredonia, 1811-1972, Sources, Context, Development.
WNY/NA/2440/F7/R4, 1972
One copy is in the general collection.

This well defined scholarly survey of almost 200 years of local architecture is based on an exhibit held in October and November 1972. The introductory survey and brief bibliography place this regional study in broader context. The extensive descriptions of the illustrations often reveal hidden architectural elements of the noted exteriors and interiors. A few pages are devoted to the College Campus at the State University at Fredonia.

D. CULTURE

The Chautauqua Institution is an indivisible part of the cultural evolution of the County. It was founded in 1884, primarily to help nurture religion and education by improving Sunday School teaching. In later years, the major emphasis shifted to the arts, with heavy concentration on music and theatre. The lecture series continues to offer a variety of speakers who address a wide range of classical topics and current events in literature, religion, politics, social issues, the sciences and other subjects.

The inception of the Institution and its phenomenal growth are well recorded in a large number of books; a few samplings are herewith cited:

Cowden, R. H. The Chautauqua Opera Association, 1929-1958.
WNY/ML/1711.8/C45/C5, 1974

A concise history of the birth and development of one of the oldest Opera Associations in America. The Appendix contains a list of operas presented in Norton Hall

Fancher, P. Chautauqua, Its Architecture and Its People.
WNY/NA/735/C38/F3, 1978

The well organized array of black and white photos offers an intimate view of buildings and dwellings and their interiors. Also examines some of the occupants who participated in a variety of activities over the years.

Gould, J. E. The Chautauqua Movement: An Episode in the Continuing American Revolution.
WNY/LC/6551/G6, 1961
One copy is in the general collection.

An interesting recounting of the first fifty years of "Tent Chautauqua," and the reasons for its decline. Quotations, photographs and notes at the end round out this product by a former Fredonia State University College educator.

Hurlbut, J. L. The Story of Chautauqua.
WNY/LC/6301/C5, 1921
One copy is in the general collection.

This fascinating description puts emphasis on visitors, special functions and celebrations during the budding years of the Institution. Chapter 24, entitled "Chautauqua's Elder Daughters," traces several other paths of the Chautauqua Movement citing locations where similar institutions were established. The Appendix contains lists of preachers, authors, social and political leaders, foreigners and others who appeared in the early programs.

Morrison, T. Chautauqua: A Center for Education, Religion, and the Arts in America.
WNY/LC/6301/C5/M6, 1974

A general historical account of Chautauqua's organization and development, placed within the framework of the original concept. Also traces the evolutionary pattern of services with projections into the future. The well researched text is enhanced with anecdotes, quotes, biographical sketches, photographs, notes and index.

Vincent, L. H. John Heyl Vincent; a Biographical Sketch.
WNY/BX/8495/V5/V5, 1925

This biography is a somewhat romanticized, yet fact-filled, record of one of the founders and "perpetual superintendent of instructions" of the Chautauqua Assembly.

Wells, L. J. A History of the Music Festival at Chautauqua Institution from 1874 to 1957.
WNY/ML/38/C53/W4, 1958

Seventy-five years of music in the making, from pioneer years through the regime of several directors, is discussed in this well structured study. The index boasts of world famous names along with little known participants who performed at the yearly festivals.

E. EDUCATION

While food, water and shelter were primary concerns of the County's early settlers, the education of their children was placed high on their list of priorities. Since there is not any comprehensive history of education in Chautauqua County, its evolution must be traced in the general County history books. Most town and village histories include listings of schools with personnel and events. The following sources concentrate mainly on the Fredonia Academy founded in 1826, and its expansion through the Normal School years to a well established campus of the State University of New York.

Fredonia Academy, Fredonia, N.Y. Annual Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Fredonia Academy at Fredonia, Chautauqua County, N.Y.
WNY/LB/1921/F69/A2
Library has: 1846-47, 1850-51, 1856-57
(See also entry below)

The Catalogue contains instructors, attendance, courses, textbooks, duties of instructors, special exercises, accommodations, library and apparatus and other miscellaneous information.

Fredonia Academy Records
Microfilm/WNY/LB/1921/F69/A28, pt.1

Between 1827 and 1867 the Records are comprised of the following sections:

Annual Catalogue, 1827-1865, incomplete.
Bylaws of the Academy and list of books used, 1826-1828.
Academy Correspondence, 1834-1850.
Spreadsheet Ledgers, 1832-1867, incomplete.

This film also contains Journal Proceedings of the Academy Trustees, meetings, etc.
Most original documents are located in Barker Museum, Fredonia, N.Y.
A general name index is being prepared in Reed Library.

New York (State) State University College, Fredonia, Oral History Project.
Interviews for the Oral History Project
11 volumes
WNY/F/129/F7/N445, 1972

The collection consists of taped interviews and transcripts of a number of teachers, professors and leaders in education in Chautauqua County. The material had been compiled for several years by classes of the "History of American Education."

Ohles, John F. Historical Development of State University of New York College at Fredonia, as Representative of the Evolution of Teacher Education in the State University of New York.
WNY/LB/1921/F7/O3/1967

This dissertation traces the Fredonia Academy from its inception to 1866. Then, it turns to the New York State Normal Schools, of which the third one opened in Fredonia in 1867. From the turn of the century to 1922 the three year programs are explored until 1939 when the emphasis shifts to teacher preparation. Although the general structure of the dissertation is somewhat inconsistent, it contains valuable information on local higher education.

State Normal School at Fredonia; Semi-Centennial, 1869-1919.
WNY/LB/1921/F7/A32

This typical commemorative booklet contains the text of several addresses delivered at the celebration. There are alumni statistics with names of majors in various fields, alumni index, principals with portraits and pictures of the two normal school buildings (the first burned down on December 14, 1900).

Westfield, N.Y. Board of Education.Westfield Academy and Union School
WNY/LA/339/W4/A2, 1937

This 100th Anniversary pamphlet is the only representative

of its kind in Reed Library. Others may be available at the individual school districts of the municipalities in Chautauqua County.

F. ETHNIC GROUPS

Ethnic group awareness is an integral part of American grassroots history. Although the following examples do not represent all nationalities in the County, they call attention to the availability of ethnic material:

Moe, M. Lorimer. Saga from the Hills: A History of the Swedes in Jamestown.
WNY/F/127/J3/S3, 1983

This heavy volume traces the contributions of Swedish immigrants to politics, public and military service, industry, merchandising, health professions, art, music, theatre and sports. The Appendix contains many useful lists and some biographies. Portraits are scattered throughout the book. Indexed.

Silverman, Deborah Anders. The Folklore of Polish Americans in Dunkirk, N.Y.
WNY/F/129/D8/S5, 1979

A socio-historical framework is given to this thesis, written at the College at Fredonia. In it, a vivid picture is drawn from the lives and habits of Polish-Americans who maintained their own heritage parallel with the process of assimilation.

Spengler, Paul A. Yankee, Swedish and Italian Acculturation and Economic Mobility in Jamestown, New York from 1860 to 1920.
WNY/F/129/J3/S7/1977a

A valuable dissertation on ethnic groups in a small but active industrial city. It is supplemented with an extremely rich list of references.

G. GEOGRAPHY

Geographical information on the Chautauqua region is consistently provided in the county histories. The following gazetteers offer a near comprehensive coverage of the geography of the County.

Child, Hamilton. Gazetteer and Business Directory of Chautauqua County, N.Y., 1873-74.
WNY/F/127/C7/C47

A major portion of this double purpose directory serves as a geographic dictionary to the County. The other part is devoted to the listing of inhabitants with occupations, special information on farming and business practices and practical solutions to contemporary problems. The factual section includes census records, general statistics and other miscellaneous data.

French, J. H. Gazetteer of the State of New York: Embracing a Comprehensive View of the Geography, Geology, and General History of the State, and a Complete History of Every County, City, Town, Village and Locality.
WNY/F/117/F75/1861

The introductory section includes information on State government, railroads, corporations, agriculture, schools and churches, with statistical data when pertinent. Added to the gazetteer of municipalities are lists of newspapers, charts of land use, facts on livestock, produce and other matters. Has name, subject and geographical indexes.

Spafford, H. G. A Gazetteer of the State of New York Embracing an Ample Survey and Description of its Counties, Towns, Cities, Villages, Canals, Mountains, Lakes, Rivers, Creeks and National Topography Arranged in One Series. With an Appendix.
WNY/F/117/S74
Reed Library has: 1813, 1824.

The Appendix includes new municipalities, a concise geography of the State with its civic divisions, statistics on population, education, revenues, expenses, taxable property, slaves, military strength, commerce, agriculture, post offices, among other information.

H. INDUSTRIES

There is almost a 200 year span between the establishment of the first lumber mills, tanneries, and use of natural gas for lighting, and the modern Welch's, Red Wing, local wineries and the renaissance of the tourist trade. During the intervening years Chautauqua County witnessed the rise, boom and decline of the railroad, furniture, and steel industries that dictated the economy and the general well-being of the population through lucrative employment. Yet the survey literature, with the exception of a few separate examples, is mostly available in the county histories.

Brooks Locomotive Works, Dunkirk, N.Y.
A Catalogue, Descriptive of Simple and Compound Locomotives, Built by Brooks Locomotive Works.
WNY/TJ/625/B75/1899

Over 200 locomotives, with full page illustrations, are given special attention. Their destination and structural and performance specifications are outlined with charts and tables. A useful introduction provides insight into the plant's operation and its technological advancements. A "Catalogue Cipher Code" and an index appear at the end.

Chazanof, William. Welch's Grape Juice: From Corporation to Cooperative.
WNY/HD/9348.5/G7/C47/1979
One copy is in the general collection.

A comprehensive corporate history. The "Appendix" contains financial data from 1906-1969, recent developments in viticulture, notes, a bibliographic essay and index.

Ebersole, Helen G. Electricity and Politics in Jamestown, N.Y. 1891-1931.
WNY/TK/4137/J3/E3/1973

This booklet concentrates on the establishment of the Municipal Light Plant; its competition with private electric companies; and its successful expansion, through which it gained a monopoly over municipal electric power supply. Bibliographic notes are included.

Fisher, Warren L. The Impact of Changes in Lake Erie Upon the Economics of Western New York Coastline Communities, 1950-1970.
WNY/HC/107/A142/E7/1977

This fact-filled volume explores the economic aspects of Lake Erie and the implications for Chautauqua and Erie Counties. The value of State Park services is also explored. The Appendix includes socio-economic and water-based recreation data.

Mott, Edward H. Between the Ocean and the Lakes: The Story of Erie Railroad and Men.
WNY/HE/2791/E688/1899

Gives an historical account of the background, ground breaking, construction and operation of the Erie Railroad in the nineteenth century. Indexed.

Springirth, K. C. Grape Belt Trolleys: History of Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Company, Dunkirk & Fredonia Street Railway...(and others).
WNY/HE/5409/S5/1970

Several Chautauqua County and Northwestern Pennsylvania local railway systems are accounted for. Includes historical background, organization, route maps, charts of fare rates, and schedules, running time, freight stations and financial information. Trustees, presidents, managers and employees are also listed.

Thompson, B. Dolores. Jamestown & Chautauqua County: An Illustrated History.
WNY/F/127/C7/T48/1984

A somewhat slim, but beautifully illustrated volume; some plates are in color. The first part traces the establishment and development of Jamestown in chronological sequence. In a valuable second part several business enterprises that helped shape the community are described. Some biographical notes appear at the end.

Yahn, Mildred L. The Rise and Fall of a Corporation.
WNY/HD/9800/N74/A7, 1983

A history of Art Metal Incorporated; a manufacturer of steel office furniture, and parts for seafighters and other "war machines" during World War One. Includes some narratives by management, laborers and office workers.

I. LOCAL GOVERNMENT: STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAWS

Between 1798 and 1800, the Holland Land Company surveyed the Chautauqua region, dividing it up into ranges and townships. The Town of Chautauqua was separated from Genesee County in 1804. Chautauqua County was formed in 1808, but it was not fully organized until 1811. The formation of the 26 towns started with Pomfret in 1808 and finished with Dunkirk in 1859. Further subdivisions into villages and, later, the chartering of cities lasted throughout the nineteenth century. For historical research, dates of establishment and incorporation of municipalities are essential. These dates, along with lists of early municipal officers, can be found in local history books and some reference sources.

For the governance of the municipalities the State has authority to pass laws and regulate conduct where the health, safety and welfare of its citizens is concerned. Most of the substantive laws of general applicability are statutory in form, and are contained in McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York. The State has also delegated specific authority to municipalities, by means of the Municipal Home Rule Law and, otherwise, to enact laws affecting local matters consistent with the substantive laws of the State.

When a charter is granted to a municipality, it becomes incorporated. In the charter the power is assigned to the municipality to act as a separate local government unit, while remaining an extension of the State. In accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law, local governments can pass ordinances. The comprehensive consolidation of ordinances is comprised in the Municipal Code that reflects the power, entrusted by the State to the County, and to its cities, towns and villages.

Reed Library only has a couple of examples of Municipal Charters, Codes and Ordinances. Others are available in the respective City, Town and Village Halls, and in their libraries. In addition to these legal documents the following list includes other publications by a variety of local administrative offices, or private firms that were delegated to perform some services for the municipal governments.

New York (State) Department of State. Manual for the Use of the Legislature of the State of New York.
Ref/JK/3430/A25
(Latest edition is kept at Reference Desk.)
Reed Library has: scattered volumes dating back to 1866.

The Manual is an essential guide to the understanding of the State and Municipal governments, and the legislative bodies and agencies on central and regional levels. A major section of the Manual is devoted to the New York Constitution with an analytic index, the Charters of Freedom, and the Constitution of the United States.

Section 6, entitled, "Courts, County and City Officers, Post Offices, Population" contains a wealth of up-to-date information on Chautauqua County. Included are: lists of villages with dates of incorporation and population; unincorporated communities; public servants from comptrollers to sheriffs and treasurers; facts on party enrollment and voting and much, much more. A general index helps to tap into a wide variety of subjects.

Chautauqua County is: Congressional district No. 36
Judicial district No. 8
Assembly district No. 150
Senate district No. 56

Additional information from State to County level can be obtained from New York State Government documents. A separate Card Catalog, at the end of the Author/Title Catalog, and a Dictionary Catalog of Official Publications of the State of New York.
Ref/Z/1223.5/N57/D5, from 1973 to date, is available.

New York (State).
McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York, Annotated
Ref/KFN/5035/A35

The text of the Consolidated Laws embraces all the current statutes of general operation of the State. **Volume 35C** contains the text of the Municipal Home Rule Law, as enacted in 1963, upon the recommendations of the State Office for Local Government.

Volume 35C also contains the text of the Statute of Local Government as enacted in 1964 and amended in 1968. Both documents implement the new Article 9 of the State Constitution.

Supplementary material includes: Constitutional provisions, historical notes, cross references, annotations or notes of decisions, library references, law review commentaries and indexes to laws and annotations. Note: Pocket supplements update the main volume.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Charter. Chautauqua County Charter and Administrative Code.
WNY/JS/451/N79/C419/1975

The Charter was adopted in November 1973; it became effective January 1, 1975. It is Local Law no. 13-73. The Code has been in effect since January 1, 1975. It is Local Law No. 3-74.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Board of Legislators. Journal of Proceedings of the Chautauqua County Legislature.
WNY/JS/451/N79/C4182
Reed Library has: volume 1, 1972 - date

This administrative office was formerly known as the Board of Supervisors. (see below)

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Board of Supervisors. Journal of Proceedings.
WNY/JS/451/N79/C418
Reed Library has: 1864-1971; the set is incomplete.

As the structure of the Board changed throughout the years so did the coverage in the Journal. Generally included are the proceedings of the sessions, tax tables, town budgets, lists of warrants, several statistical charts, revenues, land assessment tables, votes at elections, reports by several county officials, and a variety of other important data on municipal governance. The annual volumes are well indexed.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Board of Supervisors. Laws and Resolutions.
WNY/KFN/6199/C492/G6
Reed Library has: 1811-1908; 1811-1923; 1811-1931; 1811-1945

Includes correspondence, lists of members of the Board and principal county officers with dates of appointment, and salaries. The index gives access to many other useful points of information. Many of the listings are cumulative in the respective volumes.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Board of Health. Sanitary Code of Chautauqua County Health District, Effective June 18, 1972.
WNY/RA/122/C4/A5/1972

The sanitary code extends to issues such as Milk and Milk Products; Temporary Residences; Mass Gatherings; Migrant Labor Camps, and other potential health hazard topics.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Department of Health. Annual Report.
WNY/RA/447/N4/C4
Reed Library has: 1971-date (lack 1975, 1979)

Outlines the Department's multifaceted responsibilities and accomplishments as they change year after year.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Planning Board. Chautauqua County 1995: A General Plan.
WNY/HT/393/N7/C399, 1978

The projected plans cover the following areas: population, economics, land use plan, historic preservation, agricultural improvements, municipal facilities and services and other vital areas.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Probation Department. Annual Report.
WNY/HV/9305/N7/C4
Reed Library has 1969 - date; 1973 is lacking.

Provides insight into the activities of the different divisions of the Court, including pre-trial services. It is a good source for statistics on various crimes and offenses.

Dunkirk, N.Y. Ordinances, etc. Code of the City of Dunkirk.
WNY/JS/852/D85/A2/1971

Contains Dunkirk's Charter and Code.

Dunkirk, N.Y. Ordinances, etc. Zoning Ordinance, City of Dunkirk, N.Y.
WNY/KFN/5811/D8

Chapter 29 of the Ordinances; effective June 24, 1969.

Fredonia, N.Y. Board of Trustees. Minutes of the Fredonia Council Meetings.
7 reels
Microfilm/WNY/JS/887/F7/A19
Reed Library has: March 2, 1929 - 1967.

Fredonia, N.Y. Ordinances, etc. Compiled Laws and Charters of the Village of Fredonia.
WNY/JS/887/F7/A2/1970

Jamestown, N.Y. Board of Assessors. Assessment Roll of the City of Jamestown for the Years 1917-1940 Showing the Real and Personal Property and Exemptions Thereon.
WNY/HJ/4591/N71/J3

A document of this sort is useful for research in planning, economics, demography and genealogy. Other towns also keep assessment rolls. Maps are included.

Kendree and Shepherd Planning Consultants, Inc. Town Planning Reports.
WNY/HT/168/... (Remaining call number is different for each town.)
Reed Library has over twenty Planning Reports of towns, cities and villages.
For instance: Village of Mayville, 2 vols.; WNY/HT/168/M3/K4
Town of Busti, 2 vols.; WNY/HT/168/B8/K4
Town of Chautauqua, 2 vols.; WNY/HT/168/C45/K4
Town of Lakewood, 2 vols.; WNY/HT/168/L3/K4
Town of Silver Creek, 1 vol.; WNY/HT/168/S5/K4
Kendree and Shepherd, Planning Consultants, also prepared a variety of other Reports for the Planning Board of Chautauqua County.

Westfield, N.Y.; Town, Records, 1829-1901.
14 volumes
Microfilm/WNY/F/129/W4/W4

These historical Records contain, town record books, school commissioner's records, supervisors' books, tax rolls, dockets of justices, and other nineteenth century documents.

J. NATURAL RESOURCES

There is no comprehensive, up-to-date study of the natural history of Chautauqua County. The following sources, published mostly during the first half of the twentieth century, cover a variety of aspects, including more recent studies on the environmental impact of the Lakes.

Abram, Susan et al. Water Quality of Lake Erie and Its Tributary Streams in Western New York.
WNY/GB/1627/G83/N45/1969
One set is in the general collection.

A series of six pamphlets concentrate on the chemical complexities, fish mortality rates, and other concerns of shore area bodies of water, including the Dunkirk Harbor.

Joss, A. An Economic Study of Land Utilization in Chautauqua County, N.Y.
WNY/HD/266/N72/C45, 1939

This study reveals seven levels of land classification as it pertains to usefulness for cultivation. For instance: in the early decades of this century 42% of the land was used for grapes, thus making the County the most important grape producer in New York State. A large, detailed land classification map is enclosed.

MacCaughey, Vaughan. The Natural History of Chautauqua County.
WNY/QH/105/N7/M3, 1917

Although the author did not intend it to be a reference source on the subject, the study covers all aspects of the field: flora, fauna, life in water, soil, topography, as well as meteorology. For comparison of changes within a half century this book still serves a useful purpose.

New York (State) State University College, Fredonia. Lake Erie Environmental Studies. Chautauqua Lake Studies: A Preliminary Report. (And Other Reports between 1972-1977.)
WNY/GB/1627/C4/N4, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977
One set is in the general collection.

The initial study encompasses a variety of environmental aspects including problems, land use of the lake shores, and the business and economic impacts of the waterfront. Later studies elaborate on the Lake's geochemical properties and acquatic life. The improvement of the water quality is contained in a separate study. When pertinent, extensive data is provided.

New York State Appalachian Resource Studies.
WNY/HC/107/N7/N397, 1969

Chautauqua County forms the western boundary of the 14-County New York Appalachian Region. This two-part study examines the region's historic evolution, its soil, changes of character and its suitability and limitations for various purposes. Charts and maps provide visual enhancements.

Tesmer, Irving H. Geology of Chautauqua County, N.Y.
WNY/QE/146/C7/T4, 1963 with 2 parts and supplementary maps.

Part One of this near comprehensive study concentrates on stratigraphy and paleontology.
Part two, by Ernest H. Muller, is devoted to pleistocene geology. Each volume contains a group of maps in extra pockets, which are on restricted circulation. The set is a standard documentation of the geological character of the county, prepared under the auspices of the N.Y. State Museum and Science Service.

Zenkert, Charles A. Flora of the Niagara Frontier Region.
WNY/QK/177/Z5, 1934

This publication covers a wide sphere of plant classification, with no special reference to the County. However, the systematic account of the species, topography, climatic factors and results of human interference make this regional study useful to our locality. A comprehensive index is very helpful.

K. REFORM MOVEMENTS

WCTU-The Women's Christian Temperance Union is known first to have been discussed in December 1873 in Fredonia and Jamestown, although it began in August 1874 at the Chautauqua Institution, then called Fairpoint. However, Hillsboro, Ohio is credited traditionally as the founding place as is evident in the following historical accounts:

Gordon, Anna. The Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard.
WNY/HV/5232/W6/G7, 1898

While this book is designed to commemorate the idealized life and career of the founder of the WCTU, it also contains some useful historical facts on the birth and function of the Union.

Graham, F. W. Sixty Years of Action, 1874-1934; A History of Sixty Years' Work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the State of New York.
WNY/HV/5235/N7/G93, 1935

The initial interest in the Union lapsed into inactivity for twenty years, when a revival was experienced.

Tyler, Helen E. Where Prayer and Purpose Meet. The WCTU Story, 1874-1949.
WNY/HV/5227/W6/T9, 1949

The dubious title stands for a well researched, readable study of the Union's achievements and influence in achieving its purpose. The Appendix includes a 75 year roster and list of State Presidents. Bibliography, notes and an index completes this special historical review of WCTU.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Westfield, N.Y. Secretary's Book, [1884-1888].
WNY/MS/HV/5235/N7/W4

A manuscript record of meetings. Also contains the "constitution," a roster of members, and a list of nine books in the Union Library.

L. RELIGION

Religion is an integral part of the evolution of settlements. Churches played a major role in the general welfare of society, especially in rural areas. While there is not any cumulative current study of religious life in Chautauqua County, the examples provided include different denominations at several locations.

Burgess, C. The Churches and Clergy of the Pioneer Period in Chautauqua County.
WNY/F/127/C7/B9, 1902

This 24-page paper was read at the Chautauqua County Centennial in 1902. It lists the early parishes and reminiscences about the organization of multi-denominational activies in the County. The text is embellished with biographical sketches, portraits and photographs of churches.

Fredonia, N.Y. Fredonia Baptist Church. Centennial History...1808-1908.
WNY/BX/6480/F68/F7
One copy is in the general collection.

The early history of the church and its congregation opens with the "Holland Purchase" years. Other coverage includes biographical sketches of the founders and pastors; complete lists of officers and meetings; Sunday School work; home and foreign missionary work of the church, among others. There are birth and obituary records, but there is no index and only a partial list of subjects.

Garland, Merwin A. Rev. The History of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Fredonia, N.Y. 1822-1967.
WNY/BX/5980/F87/T75

Besides names of ministers and their periods of service, this includes discussion about the parishioners, their lives and events, making this volume useful to researchers.

Hotchkin, J. H. A History of the Purchase and Settlement of Western New York and the Rise, Progress and Present State of the Presbyterian Church in that Section.
WNY/BX/8947/N4/H6, 1848

The first three chapters are devoted to a historical introduction to the region. The following chapters concentrate on the establishment and development of the Church in various counties, towns, villages and cities. Part 2, Chapter 8 and Chapter 33 cover Chautauqua County and its communities up to 1840.

Stonehouse, H. M. One Hundred Years of Methodism in Jamestown, N.Y. Area.
WNY/BX/8249/J3/S7, 1954

In addition to a general historical introduction the history of the Church, its organizational work, and the activities of "daughter" and "sister" churches are explored.

Trump, C. K. First Presbyterian Church of Westfield, N.Y., 1808-1968; A History.
WNY/BX/9211/W52/F57

This rather comprehensive study includes information on burying grounds, Christian education, organizations and other activities connected with the parish.

Lily Dale This much visited center of spiritualism represents a segment of America's popular culture, especially within the framework of parapsychology. The initial series of lectures on the merits of the mysteries of mesmerism were given during 1846-1847 in Laona. The first camp meeting was organized in 1877, and soon the Lake Free Association was formed. Popularity helped develop the permanent site which is governed by strict rules of the Lily Dale Assembly. Other than the season programs there is not much information on the Center in Reed Library. There are several student papers that were written for various courses at the College. Some of them are based on interviews and contain useful references. The Assembly Library has a good collection of books and recorded lectures.

Doyle, Arthur C. The History of Spiritualism.
WNY/BF/1241/D6/1975

This book should be used as a basic guide for background information. Several references refer to Lily Dale and mediums who visited or lectured on the campground.

Hersey, Merle W. 75th Anniversary of the Lily Dale Assembly, 1879-1954.
WNY/BY/9798/S7/H46, 1954

This condensed history outlines the origin of the Assembly, its development and highlights some of the visitors, mediums and lecturers in biographical sketches, scattered throughout the booklet. There are lists of special days, clubs, officers, lecturers, and healers. Numerous portraits and illustrations enhance the text.

Beautiful Lily Dale, in the Heart of Chautauqua; Official Program.
WNY/BF/1228/L6/A22 & A23

The programs are compiled in two separate series: 1908-1922 and 1923-1975. Some more recent programs are also available.

PART THREE: SUPPLEMENTARY REFERENCE SOURCES

This part lists supplementary sources that contain information and data essential for placing historical events, municipal developments and new directions into their proper factual framework. Because the systematic study of American grassroots history is a relatively recent phenomenon, adequate data is not always available on the level of smaller municipalities, especially in rural regions. In that case, data compiled for larger units, such as county or state levels, should be used.

The following grouping of reference tools should help researchers single out a certain type of source.

A. BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The Subject Catalog provides access to material on Chautauqua County located in Reed Library. The following special bibliographies will lead researchers to sources on the County that are not necessarily housed in Reed Library. Some sources are only available in libraries and repositories of area municipalities. Certain items may be borrowed on interlibrary loan, while others can only be used in the repository holding them.

Darwin R. Barker Library, Fredonia, N.Y. Catalog Cards for the Material in the Genealogy and Spanish American War Collections in the Museum.
One reel
Microfilm/WNY/Z/725/D3/A3/1973

Fenton Historical Society, Jamestown, N.Y. Catalog Cards for Genealogy and Other Materials in the Library.
One reel
Microfilm/WNY/Z/725/F4/A3/1973

Besides historians, the above examples are of particular interest to genealogists. Reed Library has limited sources for genealogical research. For such material in Reed Library consult: Research Guide No. 45 "Family History: Basic Research Method."

Guide to Historical Resources in Chautauqua County, N.Y. Repositories.
WNY/CD/3407/C7/G8/1982
One copy is in the Reference Collection.

This descriptive register of manuscript and published material lists papers, correspondence, miscellaneous records and collections, photographs and other sources by individuals, families, organizations, institutions, corporations, municipalities, churches and organizations of all sorts. The listings are alphabetically arranged with codes added for each repository and each entry. A very detailed index with some shortcomings, is available.

Guide to Newspapers on Microform in Chautauqua County, N.Y.
WNY/Z/6952/N7/G8/1982
One copy is in the Reference Collection.

The Guide is divided to three sections:
I. Newspapers in alphabetical order by place of publication;
II. Newspaper titles in alphabetical order;
III. Index to foreign language newspapers in Chautauqua County.
A complete set of microfilms of all available newspapers is housed in the Patterson Library in Westfield.

New York (State). State University College, Fredonia, Daniel Reed Library. Task Force on Local History. **TOLLE LEGE:** A Provisional Bibliography of Materials Related to Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties, Located Within the Two Counties.
WNY/Z/1318/C7/N4/1974
One copy is in the Reference Collection.

This computer produced bibliography has several indexes that bear some of the shortcomings of early computerized indexing. Periodic updates and improvements are expected.

New York State Local History: A Checklist of Selected Resources
Ed. by Charles J. Greenberg.
WNY/Z/1317/N4/1984

This is a listing of major secondary sources, specifically county histories. Reed Library has the majority of cited Chautauqua County history books.

Palmer, Joseph W. A Guide to Local History, Oral History and Audiovisual Local History Resources in Public Libraries and Historical Societies in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties, N.Y.
WNY/F/127/W57/P3/1984
One copy is in the Reference Collection.

This Guide supplements the Cornell University Guides to Historical Resources... in the two counties.

Research and Publications in New York State History
Ref/Z/1317/A67
Library has: 1968-1972, 1976-to date.

Annual editions since 1978 average 300 pages. Persons, places, objects and events may be looked up in each volume's index.

B. BIOGRAPHIES

Nearly every traditional local history book contains a rich repertoire of biographic information on early settlers, prominent citizens and others who gained notoriety of some sort. Full length biographies and genealogies of families are also rather common. The sources listed below are most useful for finding information on prominent Western New Yorkers. However, more comprehensive sources, located in the general reference collection, should be consulted for those who achieved national fame.

Cutter, William B. Genealogical and Family History in Western New York.
3 volumes
WNY/F/118/C992/1912

This set concentrates on prominent families and their contributions to the development of the region. There is an alphabetical name index.

Dilley, Butler F. Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Chautauqua County, N.Y.
WNY/F/127/C7/D57/1891

A useful, but highly selective, guide to early county residents with sketches of their families. A separate name index was published in 1974 by the Fenton Historical Society.

Kates, Frederick Ward. Patriot Soldiers of 1775-1783: The Veterans of the War of Independence of Chautauqua County.
WNY/E/263/N6/K3/1981
One copy is in the general collection.

Contains over 300 biographies of soldiers who were either buried in or were residents of the County. Indexed.

The Men of New York: A Collection of Biographies and Portraits of Citizens of the Empire State Prominent in Business, Professional, Social and Political Life During the Last Decade of the Nineteenth Century.
Volume 2 only
WNY/F/118/M53, 1898

This state-wide biographical source does contain several men from the county. In the alphabetical synoptic index, which outlines each of the biographies in the two volumes, the "W" code refers to Western New York.

Price, L. A. Who is Who in Jamestown.
WNY/F/129/J3/P7/1922

This privately published booklet contains short biographical notes on 50 prominent citizens who served the community during the early decades of the twentieth century.

C. CENSUS RECORDS

The U. S. Bureau of the Census has been conducting census surveys of the entire population for every decade since 1790. The results of these decennial surveys are compiled into "Population Schedules," that are arranged in alphabetical order by states, counties, cities, towns and villages, as they were divided and incorporated. Therefore, the date of incorporation is essential. The schedules are often used for historical and genealogical research.

By using the decennial records, and the results of special questionnaires that are sent to a certain percentage of the population at regular intervals, the U. S. Bureau of the Census and other agencies prepare voluminous aggregate statistical reports on various subjects. Some compilations contain data that pertains to Western New York, and Chautauqua County. Furthermore, especially during more recent years, Regional Planning and Development Boards regularly prepare more minute regional data that are obtained from the N.Y. State Data Center.

The various types of census publications available in Reed Library are listed below:

A. U.S. Bureau of the Census publications that contain data on New York State and its municipalities:

U. S. Bureau of the Census. Population Schedules 1790-1910. Microfilm/HA/201/A2

1790, 1st census - 12 reels (some states may be wanting)
1800, 2nd census - 52 reels
1810, 3rd census - 71 reels (First decade of inhabitants in Chautauqua county that was established in 1808.)
1820, 4th census - 141 reels
1830, 5th census - 201 reels
1840, 6th census - 580 reels
1850, 7th census - reel nos. 484 and 485, Chautauqua County
1860, 8th census - reel nos. 731 and 732, Chautauqua County
1870, 9th census - reel reel nos. 912 and 913, Chautauqua County
1880, 10th census - reel nos. 815 and 816, Chautauqua County
1890, 11th census - reel nos. 1, 2, 3 (fire damage claimed most of the rest)
1900, 12th census - reel nos. 1013, 1014 and 1015, Chautauqua County
1910, 13th census - reel nos. 926, 927, 929, 930, Chautauqua County

The Bureau withholds the Population Schedules for a period of 70 years in respect to the federal privacy law.

U. S. Bureau of the Census. Characteristics of the Population, 1980
Volume 1
Chapter B: General Population Characteristics
Part 34: New York PC80-1-B34
Ref/HA/201/1980/A5682

Consult data index for pertinent information on Chautauqua County.

U. S. Bureau of the Census.1980 Census of Population and Housing
New York, PHC80-3-34
Ref/HA/201/1980/A56813

Summary characteristics for Governmental Units and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Chautauqua County is included.

U. S. Bureau of the Census.1980 United States Census Population and Housing Characteristics.
5 volumes
Ref/HA/215/A25/1983

This five volume set contains 40 varieties of important statistical data arranged by the following geographic divisions in each volume:
Volume 1, Counties by state
Volume 2, Places with 10,000+ population
Volumes 3-5, Census tract data by State.
Chautauqua County and several of its towns and villages are included.

U. S. Bureau of the Census.County and City Data Book.
Ref/HA/202/A36
Reed Library has: 1949, 1956, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1983 (to latest available)

This U. S. Statistical Abstract supplement provides 195 different types of statistical data for counties, census divisions, and other places in New York State. Detailed introductory notes, and maps, with regional division demarcations, help to find the desired information under the proper item code number.

U. S. Bureau of the Census.Eleventh Census of the United States, 1890: Schedules Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Microfilm/HA/201/1890/A25

Reed Library has: New York, Bundle 117, that contains Chatuauqua County, as well as some surrounding Counties. The information provided after each name includes rank, company, date of enlistment and discharge, length of service, disability incurred, and remarks regarding pension. Most other federal data for 1890 was destroyed by fire.

B. New York State census publications with regional data:

Census of Population and Housing. 1980 Census of Population. Characteristics of People and Housing.
Microfiche/HB/3525/N7/C42 - Summary tape file 1
Microfiche/HB/3525/N7/C43 - Summary tape file 3

To conserve space these and some other parts of the 1970 federal census records, pertaining to New York State, are available on microfiche only.

Demographic Projections for New York State Counties to 2020 AD.
Ref/HB/3506/N4/A56/1968

This population forecast has been compiled to help in public planning. A short introduction explains the method of compilation.

New York (State) University. First County Summary of Census Data by School District, New York State.
HA/542/N4/1973

The school districts are in alphabetical order.

State Censuses, New York, 1795-1925.
Microfiche/HA/546/S7

The historical aggregate data is arranged according to the Dubester Bibliography, and is compiled from New York State Assembly and Senate Journals.

New York State Statistical Yearbook.
Ref/HA/541/A3
Reed Library has: 1967, 1969, 1970-74, 1977, 1979/80, 1983/84

This essential statistical fact book offers relatively up-to-date, specific data on a lot more than just population. There is data on work force, employment, income, commerce, banking, energy, transportation, agriculture, education, social services, natural resources, local government, elections, and more. For statistical tables on Chautauqua County consult the index under "County Data".

C. Chautauqua County Census Data:

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Department of Planning. 1970 Census of Population and Housing Summary Profile by Municipality.
WNY/HA/547/C4/A2/1972

First gives the population counts for 1960 and 1970, then aggregate statistics for the county; followed by similar records for each municipality in alphabetical order.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Department of Planning.
Summary of 1970 Census of Population and Housing by Enumeration District.
WNY/HA/547/C4/A22/1972

The districts are outlined and enumerated on a county map in front of the volume.

Chautauqua County Census Records, 1825-1925.
30 reels
Microfilm/WNY/HA/547/C7/C7

These early county population schedules were prepared at 5-year intervals. In addition to name are sex, color, profession of each member of a household, place of birth, school attendance, literary level, and real estate values. The municipalities are in alphabetical order, after the date of their incorporation. Earlier statistical data should be obtained from the unit of a locality from which the place in question was separated.

Census of Population and Housing, Chautauqua County, 1980.
WNY/HA/547/C7/A22/1983

Summary tape file 1-A; tract level data. The presented data covers four geographic levels: city, town, census tracts, and blocks. Because it covers smaller geographic units, data pertaining to individuals and families is suppressed. The suppression is indicated by -999.

Census of Population and Housing, Chautauqua Co., 1980.
WNY/HA/547/C7/A25/1983

Summary tape file 3 (A); tract level data. A map of enumerated tracts is in front of the volume.

Census of Population on Housing, Chautauqua Co., 1980.
WNY/HA/547/C7/A252/1983

Summary tape file 3 (A); tract level data. Suppressed data is not indicated; "0" may be that.

Cornell University. Department of Rural Sociology. People of Chautauqua County, N.Y.; Trends in Human Resources and Their Characteristics, 1900-1960.
WNY/HB/3525/N7/C6; No. 6, 1963 and supplements

Useful source of population growth and distribution characteristics.

Note For further census information consult **Research Guide No. 34**

D. DIRECTORIES: STATE-WIDE AND LOCAL

Directories are abundant in every library and serve multi-faceted purposes. Several national and state-wide directories in the general reference collection list industries, organizations, foundations, businesses and other public facilities that are located in Chautauqua County. Of these, a couple of the more useful ones are cited.

Local directories vary in purpose, coverage and size. Recent ones provide information on public services and, to seekers of names, addresses and phone numbers. Of these, the Telephone Book and the City Directories are popular examples. Specialized directories serve various needs in designated areas. Directories of bygone days satisfy the interest of historians, genealogists, demographers and others. In Reed Library, most of the currently published directories are periodically, if not annually, updated.

Directories: State-wide

CIC's School Directory, New York, 1984-85.
Ref/L/903/N7/C28
Reed Library has: latest edition

Provides complete administrative information on New York State schools by county and by school districts, including public, Catholic and other independent schools.

Directory of Historical Societies and Agencies in the United States and Canada.
Ref/E/172/A538
Reed Library has: latest edition

The listing is first by state, then in alphabetical order by municipalities which have historical societies. Indexed.

New York State Industrial Directory.
Ref/T/12/N4
Reed Library has: latest edition

The main listing is in alphabetical order by the name of the industry with addresses and telephone numbers. Has a geographical index.

Directories: Local

American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book of Chautauqua County, N.Y.
WNY/F127/C7/A18/1918

This is a quaint guide to turn-of-the-century interests and activities of farmers, whose names take up 200 pages. Also includes books, advertisers, statistics and special calendars.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Board of Election. Directory of Municipal Officers: Birthplace of Government.
WNY/JS/451/N79/C417933
Reed Library has 1979, 1980

The title, scope and format of this pocket-size guide has changed several times during the last decade. Other examples are available.

Chautauqua County, N.Y. Chamber of Commerce.
Chautauqua County Industrial Directory.
WNY/HC/107/N7/C47/1979

Includes: Names of top administrators, product and employee information, a classified index and a Warren County, PA supplement.

Dunkirk-Fredonia Guide.
WNY/F/129/D8/N4
Reed Library has: latest edition

Lists: Civic organizations, housing accommodations, health and dining facilities and other services for business and shopping opportunities.

Fredonia Chamber of Commerce.
Fredonia Business Directory: We Are a Happy Bunch.
WNY/HF/296/F7/A2/1977

A classified and alphabetical directory of businesses and public services with names of representatives.

Manning's Dunkirk & Fredonia Directory.
WNY/F/125/D9/A182
One copy is in the reference collection.
Reed Library has: 1972-1983.

A vital source in searching for businesses, office buildings, people, householders, street-by-street residents and other miscellaneous matters. Superseded Polk's Directory (see below). At this time no further updates are planned.

Polk's Dunkirk-Fredonia Directory.
47 volumes
WNY/F/125/D9/A18
Reed Library has: 1925-1971

There are similar directories for other municipalities in the County. However, Reed Library does not have any recent years of those.

E. MAPS

Maps have played an important role since ancient times. Historical maps, while not always exact geographically and mathematically, are basic research tools in several fields. Early atlases invariably contain additional information, some of which does not necessarily relate to the geography of a region. Reed Library owns the following examples of cartographic products including a couple that were prepared with more modern methods and for special purposes.

Beers, F. W. & Co. Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Chautauqua, N.Y. From Actual Surveys.
WNY/G/3803/C4/B4/1881

This important nineteenth century atlas contains maps of the United States, New York State, Chautauqua County and its towns, and city and village plans in color. The descriptive information covers early history, roads, land sales, census and other data. There are biographical notes and portraits of prominent citizens and other illustrations.

Insurance Maps of Dunkirk and Fredonia, 1886-1948.
One reel
Microfilm/G/3804/D8

Although these periodically updated special maps are somewhat difficult to use, they are very helpful in locating and dating the establishment of early streets and properties with dwellings on them.

New York (State) Conservation Department. Aerial Photographs: Chautauqua County.
Closed Stacks/WNY/G/3803/C4/N4/1948

There are several editions of these modern-concept maps.

New York (State) Department of Transportation. Cartographic Section. Planimetric Maps, 1:9600 Series: Urban Areas.
WNY/G/3800/N4/A22

Reed Library has No. 1, which contains the Towns of Chautauqua County.

Stewart, William. New Topographical Atlas of Chautauqua County, N.Y.
WNY/G/3803/C4/S73/1867

This Atlas is similar in coverage to that of the Beers Atlas, which was published twenty years later.

U. S. Geologic Survey. Index to Topographic Maps of New York.
3 Volumes
WNY/G/3801/A2/1970/U6
One copy is in the general collection.
Reed Library has: 1929, 1981

These large folio maps are part of the 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Series, of which Reed Library owns the sections for the Towns of Chautauqua County.

There are several wall maps in Room 035. Of interest may be:
1. the 1854 Map of Chautauqua County, New York;
2. the 1797 Holland Land Company map of Land's Reserved by the Indiens According to the Treaty Made with them on 14th Sep in 1797;
3. and the Map of Morris's Purchase of West Geneseo in the State of New York...by Joseph and Benjamin Ellicott, Holland Land Company surveyors, 1800, 1804.

F. NEWSPAPERS

A Bibliography of Newspapers in two New York State Counties: Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties.
2 Volumes
WNY/Z/6952/N7/B5 /Part1 and Part2, 1975-1976

This is the key to newspaper holdings in the County.
Reed Library has the following titles:

Chautauqua Farmer, 1970-1899, microfilm
Dunkirk Evening Observer, 1882 to date, microfilm
Current issues on Reserve
Fredonia Advertiser, 1851-1868, microfilm
Fredonia Censor, 1821-1963, microfilm
Grape Belt, 1941-1960, microfilm
Jamestown Evening Journal, 1870-1941, microfilm
Jamestown Post Journal Keep three months
Mayville Sentinel (title varies) library has 1844-1869
1878-1898
(somewhat incomplete microfilm)
Westfield Republican, 1856-1970, microfilm.

Several historical newspapers from Buffalo, at least in part, are also available. The library keeps only three months of the Buffalo News.
None of these newspapers is indexed.